Telephone Director for Calcutta

873. SHRI ASHOK MITRA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether, in terms of the commitments made on the floor of the House during the Budget Session, a Directory will be made available to the telephone subscribers in Calcutta before the end of the year ;

(b) if the commitment is unlikely to be met, the reasons for this failure ; and

(c) whether any disciplinary proceedings are contemplated against persons responsible for such gross breach of ministerial commitment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The commitment is likely to be met, as the printers, M/s Saraswaty Press Ltd. has committed to start the delivery of copies of the telephone directories in the last week of December, 1994.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Collaboration with Multinationals

874. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many collaborations have been approved by Government for Cellular phones and other fields of Telecommunication together with their names;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of Multinationals have withdrawn from the collaboration, due to delay in framing the regulations by Government after the announcement of new Telecom Policy;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware about the reported news item in Door darshan Business News on 7th November, 1994, that number of foreign collaborators have withdrawn from the field and are diverting the investment to China; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regnlatory Authority for Telecom Sector

875. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the setting up of the proposed regulatory authority for the Telecom sector;

(b) the broad features about its administrative, technical and expansion of basis telecom service;

(c) the role proposed to be assigned to the private sector;

(d) the progress made so far in entrusting the private sector in the radio paging networks and the introduction of cellular phone system in some of the metropolitan cities to start with; and

(e) which is the bidder for radio paging selected for Karnataka and how long will it take him to start operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

(c) As per the National Telecom policy 1994 and the guidelines issued in respect thereof, the private sector will play a supplementing role in the expansion of basis telecom service to achieve the targets of 8th plan and to provide world class telephone service. Private sector will have to maintain a balance between urban and rural coverage. Licences will be issued for one operator per telecom circle in addition to Department of Telecom.

(d) For operation of Radio Paging Service, 12 companies have already signed the Licence Agreement for 27 major cities. The first licence agreement was signed on 17-5-1994 and as per the terms of the licence agreement, the licencees have to start the service with one year of signing of licence agreement. The list of licencees along with the cities, for which they are licenced is enclosed as statement I (*See* below).

For Cellular Mobile Service, eight companies, two in each metro city of Bombay Delhi, Calcutta & Madras have signed the licence agreement on 29/30th November, 1994 and as per the terms of the licence agreement, the licencees have to start the service within one year of signing of the licence agreement. The list of licencees and the cities for which they are licensed is attached as statement II (*See* below);

(e) The following bidders have been selected for operation of Radio Paging Service in Bangalore:—

(i) M/s. Page Point Services (I) Pvt. Ltd. Bombay.

(ii) M/s. Telesistem (I) Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore.

(iii) M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom, New Delhi.

(iv) M/s. IXL Paging Services Pvt. Ltd.

All these bidders have to start the service within one year of signing of licence agreement. The date of signing the licence agreement is available in the Annexure.

In the second phase rest of the Karnataka will be covered, for which tenders have already been invited.

Statement-I

List of Licensees for radio paging services

Sl.No.	Name of Company	Cities	Date of signing
1	2	3	4
1	M/s. Page Point Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., 29 Bank Street, FORT Bombay-400-023	Bombay, Bangalore	8-7-94
2	M/s. Matrix Paging (India) Pvt. Ltd., Anil Chambers (Near Crown Mills) Andheri Kurla Road, Sakimaka Bombay-400072.	Pune, Vadodara,Rajkot, Surat	20-7-94
3	M/s. Telesistem (India) Pvt. Ltd., 23/1 XIth Main Road Near Post Office Vasant Nagar Bangalore 560 052.	Madras , Bangalore, Ernakulam Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Madurai	24-6-94
4	M/s. Easy Call Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd., LB/5 Ansal Bhavan 16 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi—110001.	Calcutta, Hyderbad, Nagpur, Indore, Bhopal, Vishakapatnam, Patna	8-7-94
5	M/s. Microwave Communications Ltd., 1202 Chiranjiv Tower 43 Nehru Place New Delhi—110019.	Bombay, Calcutta, Vadodara, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Surat	27-6-94

1	2	3	4
6	M/s. ABC Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd 44B Nariman Bhavan Nariman Point Bombay—400021.	Delhi, Kanpur, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Varnasi, Ludhiana, Amritsar.	24-6-94
7	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd., 16, Community Centre Saket, New Delhi 110017.	Madurai, Rajkot, Ernakulam, Indore, Coimbatore, Vishakapatnam	17-5-94
8	M/s. BPL System and Projects Ltd., 64 Church Street Bangalore—560001.	Ernakulam, Trivandrum	20-6-94
9	M/s. Hutchison Max. Telecom, 12th Floor Devika Tower 6, Nehru Place New Delhi.	Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Pune, Vadodara, Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Ludhiana	3-8-94
10	M/s. Mobile Communications Ltd., 505, New Delhi House, 27, Bara Khamba Road New Delhi.	Delhi, Madras, Ahmedabad	11-8-94
11	M/s. Modi Telecommunication Ltd., 12, Friends Colony New Delhi—110065	Madras, Kanpur, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Indore, Varanasi	19-8-94
12	M/s. IXL Paging Services Pvt., Ltd., 11—A, Atma Ram House, Tolstory, Marg, New Delhi—110001.	Bimbay, Madras, Delhi, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Kanpur, Lucknow & Pune.	30-8-94

Statement-II

List of selected bidders for cellular mobile telephone service

Sl.No	Name of the company	Cities
1	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom. Devika Towar 6 Nehru Place New Delhi—110019	Bombay
2	M/s. BPL Systems & Projects Ltd., 1/1 Palace Road, Bangalore—560001.	Bombay
3	M/s. Bharati Cellular Ltd., 15th Floor, Devika Tower Devika Tower 6, Nehru Place New Delhi—110019.	Delhi
4	M/s. Sterling Cellular Ltd., 19 Cathedral Garden Road Nungambakam Madras—600034.	Delhi
5	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd., 503, Hemkunt Chambers 89 Nehru Plance New Delhi—110019.	Calcutta
6	M/s. Indian Telecom, Pvt. Ltd., 13th Floor Hemkunt Tower 98 Nehru Place, New Delhi—110019.	Calcutta
7	M/s. Skycell Communication Pvt. Ltd., Sardar Mohan Singh Building Connaught Lane New Delhi—110001.	Madras
8	M/s. Mobile Telecom Service Ltd., N-83, Partap Building Ist Floor Connaught Circus New Delhi—110001.	Madras